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The International  
Military Tribunal  
for the Far East.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND OTHERS

v

KULI Sadao and others

A.F.F.I.D.A.V.M.T.

I, Benjamin George MAPLEBACK of 449 Dean Street, Albury, in the State of New South Wales, make oath and say:-

1. Prior to discharge I was VX37271 L/Cpl. Benjamin George MAPLEBACK of 2/29 Bn. and was taken prisoner of war on 12 March 1942 near KULI in Malaya.
2. I was captured with Lieut. COOTES, Cpl. MANNERS, and Pte NICHOLLS all of 2/29 Bn. by a party of Malays and Chinese and we were taken to a rubber plantation about 6 to 8 miles north-west of KULI. After we were there about three hours a party of 7 Japanese arrived in charge of an NCO wearing a sword and pistol. We were there each bound by the hands with rope and attached to each other by rope.  
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3. The Japanese NCO drew the attention of the other Japanese to sores on the legs of Lieut. COOTES and grimed. At this a Japanese soldier with a tommy gun raised it and appeared to be going to shoot Lieut. COOTES and then he lowered the gun at a word from the NCO.
4. We were then placed in a truck and driven towards KULI. While on the way the Japanese NCO noticed sores on the legs of Pte. NICHOLLS and drew the attention of the others to them. He then drew one of our bayonets and started to beat all of us with it, particularly Lieut. COOTES and Pte. NICHOLLS whom he hit on their sores and also jabbed with the point of the bayonet.
5. After travelling about three miles the truck stopped at a bridge and the rope connecting us with Lieut. COOTES and Pte. NICHOLLS was cut and they were ordered out of the truck and taken to a creek about 20 yards away, where they were shot by the Japanese with the tommy gun. We all saw them shot. The Japanese then came back to the truck leaving the bodies of Lieut. COOTES and Pte. NICHOLLS where they fell.]

Sworn at Albury, in the ) (Signed) B.G. MAPLEBACK.  
State of N.S.W. this the )  
30th day of September 1946)

Before me,

(Signed) V.J. JOBUSON, J.F.

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供 証 聲

(一) *New South Wales* /  
サウス・ウェールズ州、オルバリー  
/ ALBURY テイン / DIA / 街、四四九番  
地、ベンジャミン・ジョージ・メープルバッ  
ク / *Benjamin George MAPLEBACK* / ハ、  
宣誓ノ上左ノ如ク該述ヲ行フ、

(二) 陰曆前年ハ  $\frac{2}{2}^{\text{月}}$  大陰  $VX$  三七二七一兵長ベンジ  
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四二年 / 昭和十七年 / 三月十二日馬來ノ「  
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(一)、余ハ向ジク<sup>2/29</sup>大艦ノ「クリッ」/COOTIE  
四ノ中尉「マンナース」/MANNEPS/伍  
長、及「ニコルス」/NICHOLS/一等  
兵ト共ニ駆來人及中國人ノ一隊ニヨリ浦縛  
セラレ、而シテ余等ヘ「クリー」ノ西北方  
六風乃至八風ノ碇根林ニ迷レ行カレタリ。  
其處ニ約三時間居タル後、七八ノ日本兵ノ  
一隊ハ劍及短銃ヲ携帶セル一名ノ下士官ニ  
引率サレテ到達セリ。余等ハ其處ニテ手ヲ  
觸ニテ緋ラレアオ互モ絶ニテ汗カレタリ。

(二)、石ノ日本下士官ヘ「クリッ」/COOTIE/  
中尉ノ脚ニ傷アルコトヲ他ノ日本兵ニ注意  
シ而シテ顔ヲシカメタリ。コノトキ携帶機  
關銃ヲ携帶セル一日本兵ハソレフトリ上げ  
「クリッ」中尉ヲ打タントスル風フセシガ  
下士ノ一言ニヨリ候ラ下セリ。

(三)、ソレヨリ余等ハ一台ノ「トラック」ニ乗セ  
ラレ、「クリー」/CREE/ニ向ツテ送  
レタリ。途中石ノ日本下士官ヘ「ニコル

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ス」一等兵ノ脚ニ億アルヲ認メ他ノ人々モソレヲ見ルヤウ注意セリ。ソレヨリ彼ハ余等ノ銃剣ノ一つヲ拔出シ、ソレヲ以テ余等全部ヲ打テ始メ、皆「クーッ」／。。。。中尉及「ニコルス」／。。。。／一等兵ノ億ヲ打テ尙銃剣ノ失ヲ以テ突刺シタリ。

(二) 三順位行キタル後「トラック」ハ橋ノ所ニテ止マリ、余等ト「クーッ」中尉及「ニコルス」一等兵トワ繩キタル橋ヘ切斷サレ、彼等ハ「トラック」ヨリ下リルヤウ命ゼラレ約二十一ヤード離レタル小河ノ所ニ還レテ行カレ、其處ニテ彼等ハ日本兵ニヨリ機械鎗銃ヲ以テ射撃セラレタリ。吾々ハ彼等カ皆射殺サレルノヲ見タ。然ル後日本兵ハ「クーッ」中尉及「ニコルス」一等兵ノ死体ヲ倒レタル所ニ置キタルママ「トラック」ニ斬リ來レリ。

ビト・ジト・メーブルバック(署名)

/ G. MAPLE BARK /

一九四六年／昭和二十一年／九月三十日

「エリ・サウス・ウエルズ」州「オール

バリ」ニ於テ余ノ面前ニ於テ宣誓セリ

ヴァル・ジョブソン・ジョン・ビト(署名)

/ VAL JOUBSON JOHN BITT /